

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the matter of:)
)
Emergency communications by amateur radio and) GN Docket No. 12-91
impediments to amateur radio communications)

To the Commission:

LATE FILED SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENTS

COMES now Petitioner and Commenter, JAMES EDWIN WHEDBEE, supplementing his previously filed comments thus:

[1] In its conference report to the 2013 National Defense Authorization Act, Congress is directing the Department of Defense to consolidate the three branches of the Military Auxiliary Radio Service (MARS) and to implement it in support of the Department's missions.

[2] Attached hereto and made part hereof is that conference report. The relevant provisions begin on page 222 thereof.

[3] Congress could not be more clear that amateur radio is essential in times of emergency or crisis.

[4] For these reasons, and as I previously filed by way of Petition for Reconsideration, I urge the Commission to reconsider carefully its denial of my original Petition for Declaratory Ruling, and instead grant same. Moreover, I urge the Commission adopt cross-band contact procedures for the integration of public safety services and amateur radio. I urge the Commission move with due deliberative speed to avoid inconveniencing Congress with this issue: rather than forcing Congress to do the job, the Commission should take the initiative.

Respectfully submitted:

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